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- 1. SOUDA ISSUES WERE FURTHER DISCUSSED WITH THE GREEKS DURING WORKING GROUP MEETING ON MAY 10 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C.
- 2. ARTICLE I, PARA 2. WHILE NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTING OF MAY 3 WORKING GROUP MEETING (REF A), U.S. SIDE MADE A MAXIMUM BUT UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT ON THAT DATE TO COMBINE 219 FIXED WING SORTIES AND CONFIDENTIAL

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121 HELICOPTER SORTIES INTO ONE TOTAL OF 340. NEVERTHELESS, DURING THE MAY 10 WORKING GROUP MEETING WE MADE ANOTHER EFFORT AS REQUESTED BY REF C. THIS AGAIN PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL. THEREFORE, WE AFFIRMED SEPARATE TOTALS OF 219 AND 121.

3. ARTICLE IX, STEM OF SUB-PARA 1.B. IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS, GREEKS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WAS NOT THEIR INTENT TO INCLUDE IN O AND M

COSTS THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE HOSTED AT SOUDA SUCH AS OLYMPIC AND NAMFI. FORMULATION OF STEM OF SUB-PARA 1.B IN REF A WAS INTENDED TO OMIT SUCH ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, GREEKS UNDERSTOOD CONCERNS IN REF C AND AGREED TO TIGHTEN LANGUAGE TO AVOID FUTURE MISINTER-PRETATION AND CLARIFY LIMITS ON O AND M COMPUTATIONS. FORMULATION IN REF B WHICH INCLUDES WORD "TENANT" IS NOT USEABLE SINCE "TENANT" CANNOT BE TRANSLATED IN GREEK LANGUAGE WITH SAME U.S. MILITARY MEANING. STEM OF PARA 1.B. NOW READS:

"B. SHARE IN PERCENT EQUAL TO A OVER A PLUS B TIMES 100 (THE FORMULA) FOR THE ACTUAL OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE (O AND M) COSTS OF THE AIRFIELD, EXCLUDING THOSE OF ASSIGNED HELLENIC AIR FORCE TACTICAL SQUADRONS AND ANY HELLENIC AND NON-U.S. ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE FUNCTIONS NECESSARY TO OPERATE AN AIRFIELD, WHERE:"

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(COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THE ABOVE FORMULATION PREVENTS THE INCLUSION IN ANY O AND M COMPUTATION OF FACILITIES OR ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT NEEDED TO OPERATE AN AIRFIELD. OUR PROTECTION IS IN THE WORD "AN" WHICH RELATES O AND M COSTS TO FUNCTIONS "NECESSARY TO OPERATE AN AIRFIELD" AND NOT TO ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY INCIDENTALLY BE LOCATED ON THIS AIRFIELD.)

4. ACTION REQUEST: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF TEXT IN PARA 3 ABOVE BY OOB, MAY 12. $\mathsf{KUBISCH}$

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